

Testimony on HB 5044
Office of Early Childhood Budget

Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Member of the Committee:

My name is Cristal Fields. I am a parent of a preschool child at Torrington Child Care Center, a state funded center, in Torrington, CT.

I believe the state funded programs need to continue to be funded.

If my child's day care program did not get funded and had to close, I would not be able to go to work. I could lose my job and may need to rely on state programs just to survive. It is hard enough to pay the small amount in tuition I pay every week. My sister, her son and all 4 of my children attended TCCC.

Our family chose TCCC because the program is a high quality, NAEYC accredited program. They are close to my home and I could afford their sliding fee scale. My daughter loves going to school and without this program she would not be ready for kindergarten.

Please be sure to keep the state funded child day care center funding intact.

Sincerely,

